

**WOMEN** are registering. Women are preparing to do their full duty. Women are not afraid of being corrupted by politics. Women are not nearly so afraid of being corrupted by politics as certain politicians are that women will get the corruption out of politics. The issue in Texas is plain. There is no way to evade the blinding glare. James E. Ferguson, balked by the law and the legislature, repudiated by friends and enemies, is making a football of ignorance, prejudice, suspicion and hate. Wherever he goes, he leaves the stigma of loose talk behind him. His charges are made without discrimination. The preacher who opposes him is a rogue; the brewer who supports him is a citizen of liberal mind. He is like a coyote afflicted with the rabies — he snaps at everything in his path; froths at the mouth. To hear him tell it, all decent agencies are degenerate; all men and women opposed to him, conspirators. He would make the great State of Texas a weapon with which to punish William P. Hobby and William P. Hobby's supporters. As a phenomenon, he is a success; as a campaigner, he is a cat; as a man, he is a fanatic — a blind, rebellious, self-centered, insincere, money-plucking, hard-hearted upstart. While the Nation fights for salvation, he fights for James E. The pro-German element is for him; the vote that stays in line is for him; it rests with the patriotic citizenship of Texas whether he shall create a condition of civil strife or be returned to his farm forever.

## BATTLE AT VAUX ABSORBS ATTENTION

### American Independence Day Celebrations To Belt The World

**From the Far Flung Battle Fields of France to Liberty Loving South American Republics Homage Will Be Paid to Principles of Humanity and Freedom**

WASHINGTON, July 3.—When the United States tomorrow rallies once again around the "Star Spangled Banner" to commemorate the day, one hundred and forty-four years ago, when the declaration of independence sounded the beginning of a new nation, that world powerful banner will be hoisted as never before in history. Great Britain, France and Italy will hoist the red, white and blue, to the national mastheads beside their own national emblems as concrete evidence of the new oneness of purpose to which all allies are consecrated, forming the greatest league of nations ever known. In this country the day will be the occasion of a renewal of allegiance by the foreign-born and President Wilson will be the honored guest of a committee representative of thirty nationalities on a pilgrimage to the home and tomb of George Washington. The President will deliver an address which will be read simultaneously at demonstrations throughout the country and which has been called for reading and publication in foreign lands. The day will be made a gain-one at all army and navy training camps and stations. On the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific coasts 100 merchant ships and 34 torpedo boat destroyers will be launched to challenge the German sea wolves.

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### UNITED STATES WILL LAUNCH ONE HUNDRED VESSELS TODAY

SUPERIOR, Wis. July 3.—The first of nearly 100 ships which will be launched today in American waters in celebration of the Fourth of July will be the *U.S.S. Albatross*, a steel steamship of 3,400 tons and is named the "Lake Arrow".

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The United States celebrates Independence Day tomorrow by launching, between sunrise and sunset, more ships than Germany's submarines can destroy in a month at their present rate of under-sea piracy.

One hundred ships—perhaps more, approximately half a million tons of dead weight tonnage are expected to slip from their ways.

Without holding back a single ship order to swell the number for Independence Day. Launching the shipworkers by hand and machine have made ready at least 50 ships that it is said to be not impossible that the number will be one hundred. These ships, which are being launched at the same rate of speed which has made possible their launching today will have their places in the bridge of ships to "freedom" which will maintain the armies fighting to defeat Germany.

Today's achievement which probably will be accounted among the best and greatest Fourth of July celebrations in the country's history has been made possible only by the loyalty and devotion of the shipyard workers themselves working under the supervision of Chairman Burke of the Shipping Board and Charles M. Schwab, the new director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

The release of Chairman Burke and Mr. Schwab today is celebrated by launching the greatest number of hulls ever put into the water in one day—specifically that the war program was so successful that it was possible to permit to delay launching which could be made either. Any ship put into the water must be the result of extra exertion by the men ready to the scheduled time.

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### GODMOTHER OF THE ITALIAN ALPINI



Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., Mrs. Vanderbilt, and Mrs. Vanderbilt reviewing the Alpin.

### AMERICAN FLAG NOW FLYS FROM 30,000 SHIPS

ON EVE OF THE GREATEST SHIP LAUNCHING IN HISTORY, U.S. NAVY OF NAVIGATION PRESENTS FIGURES SHOWING THE GROWTH OF UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE.

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### HUNS MAKE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO TAKE POSITIONS LOST ON TUESDAY

**Have You Done Your Duty?**  
In Pledging For WAR SAVINGS STAMPS  
If you have not done so and can, then you are not a real Loyal American. Go to the War Savings office in rear of Corp. Christi National Bank and sign your pledge.  
W. C. BAILEY, Executive Manager War Savings Committee, Nueces County.

### French Units Assist The American Forces

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 2.—The enemy artillery this afternoon increased the intensity of its fire in the Vaux region. The crash of exploding shells swelled to a roar, while the ground and air thrived with the concussion of shells. But the American guns answered the German challenge shot for shot.

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### MEXICAN BANDS ARE SOUGHT BY CARRANCISTAS

THREE FORCES OF FEDERAL TROOPS ARRIVE IN MATAMOROS, AS DISTRICT TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO POUND UP FOLLOWERS OF FELIX DIAZ WHO APPEARED AT REYNOSA TUESDAY

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### Corpus Christi in Befitting Manner to Celebrate Today

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### TO SUBSCRIBERS

Because the Fourth of July is the anniversary of American independence, because this Fourth of July is to be made the solemn celebration of a world in arms; because freedom is being put to the test as never before; because the President of the United States, as the spokesman of our people, has called upon all loyal citizens to observe the day with religious fervor — for these good reasons, in order to permit members of The Caller force to refrain from the fret and confusion of business, we have decided not to issue a paper on July 5, and we ask the indulgence of our subscribers to the end that any shadow disappointment over the lack of news may be abated.

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